

the kingdom of light. There are also two great rulers, the prince of light and the prince of darkness. To one or the other of these kingdoms and rulers every man and woman in the world is a subject. Light very beautifully expresses the nature of God. It stands for all that is pure and good and noble in the world. What would this world be without light? Vegetable and animal life would soon perish from the earth. "Light is the great purifier of the world. It kills the germs of disease. It purifies the air. Light in health and purity, as well as comfort and vision." God is our intellectual, moral and spiritual light.

2. *Walking In the Light.*—If we would have fellowship with God we must walk in the light as he is in the light. Since God himself is light it follows that those who walk in darkness, that is in sin and error, who do the deeds of darkness, can not have fellowship with God nor with true Christians. If you are in sin you are not in God and God is not in you, for where God is there is light. This light true Christians are to reflect. Christ said he is the light of the world, and those who believe in him should let their light shine that others might believe also.

3. *Getting Rid of Sin.*—Some people try to get rid of sin by hiding it from the world, but this is not God's way. It will not do to say that we have no sin at all, for a mere profession will not make it so. Those who declare themselves to be without sin deceive themselves, while those who try to hide sin from God deceive themselves worse. The one and only way to get rid of sin is to confess our sin to God, ask his forgiveness, and he will forgive our sin.

4. *The Test.*—God is light and life and love, and the great test as to whether we are in that light and love of God, and whether the life of God is in us, is *obedience*. The keeping of God's commandments is the test of our love to him. We know that we are in him and love him, not by the way we feel, not by our ecstatic enjoyments, but because we keep his commandments. If we love him we will keep his commandments.

#### HOW TO SECURE A LESSON STUDY

1. *Have a definite lesson.* Usually children should commit to memory the subject, the golden text, and the central truth. They should study the text so as to tell the lesson story in their own language. If the printed questions of the scholars' quarterly are wisely prepared,—which is not always the case,—then the children may be required to search out answers to the questions.

2. *Enlist the cooperation of the home.* Study the lesson in the family. Use the daily readings in family worship. Let each child own a Bible of its own; and at family worship read the Scripture lesson in concert, or read verses about, from the oldest to the youngest child who can possibly spell out the words. Also, let the children share in the service of prayer individually, or by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert in con-

nection with the extempore prayer by the parent.

3. *Have occasional special work.* Appoint single persons to look up certain points in the cyclopedias or the Bible atlas. Even bring in special or outside subjects, so as to induce them to become interested in Bible study.—*Sunday School Herald.*

## The Mission Field

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First Year	Cloth	Paper
1. Crisis of Missions—(Pierson.)	\$1 06	29
2. Armenian Ampitheater.		09
3. Do Not Say.		09
4. Our Country.	51	25
5. Life of Sammy Morris.		10
6. Choice Extracts—(Meyer.)		05
		87

The books, together with other literature, such as circulars giving full particulars how and why to organize and read, description of books, etc., can be had by addressing Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind. Circles should be organized in every congregation.

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### WASHINGTON CITY ITEMS

One more received from the German Baptists since my last. Two more confessions—husband and wife; baptism in a few days. Others almost persuaded.

Brother Henry Wise spent one week with us and preached seven sermons. His presence and services were much appreciated. Trust he may often be permitted to pass this way.

When Brother Wise was with us we were impressed to have our official help increased. Brother R. I. Garber was chosen and ordained as deacon; Sisters Detwiler and Neal as deaconesses. May they all be greatly blessed of the Lord in their new relation. We expect, the Lord willing, to hold another love feast in the near future.

We have so arranged that we can now hold services at any time in "our own hired house." This will increase the expenses of the mission about ten dollars per month, but it will pay.

Some time since Sister Detwiler and I pledged ourselves to add twenty new subscribers to the 500 list. Today we have completed the number and tomorrow the cash will be sent to Ashland. This means that the EVANGELIST now goes into twenty new families not members.

I must not forget to add that for more than one year the EVANGELIST has been a welcome guest in every family of members in

this congregation. I can not see how any of our members can afford to do without their church paper.

Day before Thanksgiving a box of clothing, etc., came to the mission from Mrs. M. A. Beachley's Sunday-school class, and the S. S. C. E., of Meyersdale, Pa. We hope by the Lord's help to be able to use all this judiciously and beneficially, and we pray God's choicest blessings to rest upon all those who have thus ministered in His cause in this city.

"O the good we all may do  
While the days are going by."

Lord help us all to *do* and *do now*!

W. M. LYON.

Nov. 29, 1897.

### OUR CHICAGO LETTER

The work moves on. A man told me last night he would join us, another is almost persuaded. It looks as if the spirit was moving now and we expect the promise fulfilled. Yesterday the Sunday services were well attended and increased interest; a number of strange men in Sunday night to hear a sermon on the Second Advent. Sister Clara is making special effort in the hospital, and sister Sadie in her line of house work. Bro. Barth has gone to Cornell to spend a few days for Brother Talley. West Side Mission is a success, has been and will be. God has blessed us, and made even the wrath of our enemies to favor the work, while some oppose, yet it is God's cause and cannot be overcome. Him we trust, to him we have committed our ways, and he will bring it to pass.

### BURNS CHAPEL

The neat and substantial Chapel was dedicated several Sundays ago. The day was disagreeable, wet, and mud in plenty, but few out. It was thought that it be best to put the dedication off, but we concluded to make the effort, and lo! the last dollar was raised, and all felt good, the preachers included, but on Monday night when my turn come it did rain, Oh! my, well, it is said all things come round to those who wait, so we will wait. The town of Akron is a neat little town with kind people. All seemed interested in missions. Even the merchant where I went to buy screw eyes, would take no money for them. The cause of missions is near the heart of the people, they are getting awake and the people will go if the preachers will lead; if the preachers will not lead the people will go any way.—Amen.—Brother Flora is preparing for an aggressive march against sin.

### ABOUT MISSIONS

The matter must be constantly brought before the people, and an effort kept moving, as I heard a little fellow say to a chum one night on the street, "get a particular move on you," that meant a move in the right direction, and mission is a move in the right direction. I think Brother Mackey ought to make a tour of the churches, and talk missions. He was the first to offer himself for